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# LibertyCon 30

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**Faith Hunter**

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING LIBERTYCON XXX!!!



# Welcome to LibertyCon 30!

by Brandy Bolgeo Spraker, Chairman

Welcome, welcome, welcome to LibertyCon 30! 30 years of fun, frivolity and partying! Oh, also of bringing in the most talented authors, artists and scientists from around the country to spend the weekend with you! It's been a crazy journey for me since the first LibertyCon. That first year (and for many to follow) I was the head of the 'brat pack' who did many of the little errands and dirty jobs that kids do when their parents run a convention. As I moved into adulthood, I worked in some capacity for every department, eventually becoming the Head of Registration, Vice Chair, then finally taking the reins over from dad 5 years ago. Now he is the head of my 'brat pack'! Haha-haha!!! We have added and lost family (and added new generation of Bolgeo children to continue the tradition) during these three decades, and love all of them. If you are interested, you can go to our website and look at all of our past program books to get a glimpse of LibertyCon throughout the years.

So coming back to this weekend, welcome back (or simply welcome) to the LibertyCon family! This weekend we have a ridiculous amount of activities for a convention capped at 750 paid attendees. If you are new to us, what you might not know is that since we are small, each and every one of our staff members pay full price, as do most of our professionals who are bringing you the fantastic programming events that you go to each year. So these folks are PAYING to work and bring you fantastic programming events. We LOVE, LOVE, LOVE what we do at LC. The thing that we love most is that this is like a family reunion, and when you get more people, it's harder and harder to keep that 'personal touch' that LC is famous for. So as it has been for 30 years (31 if you count the year we had to miss because our hotel burnt down 6 weeks before the con... but that's another story) and so shall it ever be!

When you get to the hotel, give Matt and his registration staff a big hug as they give you the gorgeous badge with artwork from Dan dos Santos as quickly as possible. And as you get your badge, don't forget to look at (and buy) the t-shirt created by the same amazing artist. It is awesome! LibertyCon 1 had 2 full tracks of Programming, which for a first year convention was fantastic. LibertyCon 30 has more than 5 full time tracks with over 250 programming events, so there is definitely something for everyone! So it will be chaos... beautiful, beautiful chaos. We have over 150 professionals who participate in programming events over the areas of literature, art, science, and other types of fun! There is just too much to list here, so please take a look at everything that we have to choose from using either the pocket program or the LibertyCon app.

The Artshow, as it has been from the beginning, has work from many of the best artists in the country for sale at prices that you could never match anywhere else. The Art Auction on Saturday night will host the pieces that people are warring over as well as some of the charity pieces. This year our charity of choice is the Hatcher Foundation. This gift to our community supports children and their families as they fight childhood cancer. This is our second year that we honor Caitlin Puckett's journey that she fought with all of the grit and courage that we know comes straight from the Puckett family genes. So come bid on the charity items sold in the Artshow as part of a silent auction, and those bigger items in our Art Auction, an event not to miss!

During our 30th anniversary year, we wanted to take the time to remember those who have left the LibertyCon Family and gained their wings. This year we lost two past board members who were very dear to us, Klon Newell and Kerry Gilley. Please take a moment to read dad's dedication to them. Then dry your eyes before you plunge back into the fun.

The ConSuite is, as always, a dangerous place to be if you are on a diet. As it was last year, Penn Station will be where you can get your food and drinks to take to our outdoor seating area right outside of party alley. There will be food and beer galore, as well as our annual summer ice cream social. Pull up a chair and enjoy the company! And speaking of room parties, don't forget to visit 'Party Alley' each evening to browse the goodies and drinks that our amazing room party hosts and hostesses are offering.

Our Huckster Room is chocked full of goodies for you to purchase... from leather goods to of course books (because what would LibertyCon be without books??) you will find many things to tempt you and drain your wallet. And remember that the Huckster Room is also host to our author autograph sessions, so keep an eye on the schedule. You don't want to miss these guys!

As you can see, there really is something for everyone this weekend. And none of it would be possible without our wonderful staff. Each and every one of these people spend their time, effort and love to make this a fun and relaxing weekend. When you see someone with a staff badge, please thank them.

Now let the games begin!!!!

*Brandy Bolgeo Spraker*  
Chairman, LibertyCon 30

# LibertyCon Rules

(AKA The Things We Have To Tell You)



"How dreadful..to be caught up in a game and have no idea of the rules."

- *Caroline Stevermer, Sorcery & Cecelia or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot*

## ATTENDEES 17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a LEGAL GUARDIAN. A Legal Guardian is a person 21 years of age or older who will take financial and legal responsibility for the minor and will sign for each minor person for which he/she is responsible. A parent or Legal Guardian must accompany children under 7 years of age at all times.

## BADGES

Badges must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times.

## BATHING

Remember, "If in doubt, take a bath!" Your fellow attendees will appreciate your courteous actions.

## DRINKING AGE is 21! ~ IT IS THE LAW! ~ NOT UP FOR NEGOTIATION!

To get a drinking badge you must produce a VALID military ID or Drivers License with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Minors caught drinking at LibertyCon will be hung, drawn, quartered, and thrown out of the convention. Also..

**WE WILL CONTACT YOUR PARENTS AND/OR THE LAW - AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO FUTURE LIBERTYCONS!**

## ROOM PARTIES

If you are having a room party, remember, this is the South. We are friendly and inclusive. If your party is in a hotel room with the door open or out in the Spill Over Party Area then the expectation is that the party is open to all LibertyCon attendees. If your party is intended to be private then please keep your door shut so that misunderstandings and hurt feelings don't occur. Also, Tennessee State Law does not allow the consumption of alcohol for anyone under 21 years of age. **If you are serving alcohol, please check everyone's ID. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NO MATTER WHERE YOUR PARTY IS LOCATED.** LibertyCon will not assume any responsibility to check badges for any type of party. Don't assume if someone has a drinking badge that they are 21 or over... badges can be swapped.

## GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING

No grills are allowed on the hotel premises. The hotel has informed us that this violates their insurance policy. We like the hotel management and would like to keep our great relationship with them.

## EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION

If you are ejected from LibertyCon because of violation of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, then your attendance fees will not be refunded.

## LOST BADGE POLICY

If you lose your badge at the convention, then you will have to purchase another one at the full admission price of \$50. We are sorry to take this rough stance, but incidents with people (Not Fans) purchasing a replacement badge to give/sell to a friend at a reduced price only increases the cost of the convention for real fans and this is the only way we can curb it.

## SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS

If you have a medical condition, please ask the registration staff for a sticker for the back of your badge. This sticker should contain the nature of your medical condition and any special steps to be taken in an emergency, including the name and phone number of the person to contact should the need arise.

## WEAPONS POLICY

All weapons and models of weapons must be "Peace Bonded" by one of our security staff before they may be worn with your costume or normal wearing apparel. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced.

## ATTIRE

We at LibertyCon love costumes! However three strategically placed seashells does not constitute a costume. Please remember that we are a family friendly convention.

**If you have a question or concern,  
don't hesitate to ask or talk to STAFF**

# Literary Guest of Honor

# Kevin Hearne



Kevin Hearne is the NYT bestselling author of the *Iron Druid Chronicles* and the forthcoming epic fantasy trilogy, *The Seven Kennings*.

A former high school English teacher in Arizona, he now lives in Colorado with his wife, son, and doggies.

He hugs trees, rocks out to heavy metal, and will happily geek out over comic books with you.

Peace and Tacos!

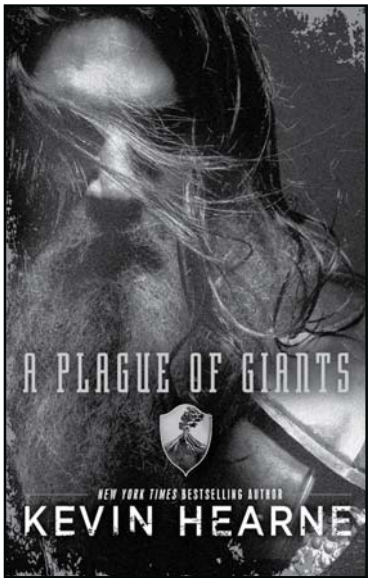
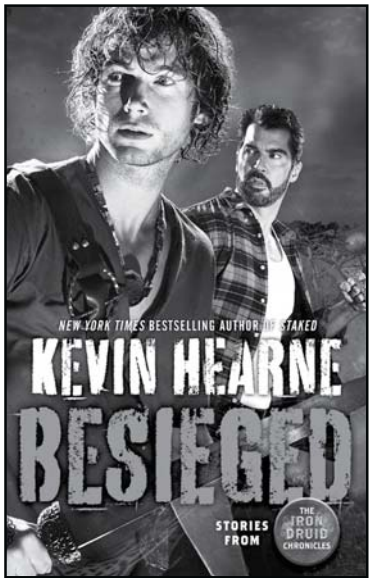
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# Literary Guest of Honor 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## John Ringo

John Ringo is a New York Times bestselling author of science fiction and thriller novels with over one million novels in print.

John Ringo had visited 23 countries and attended 14 schools by the time he graduated high school. This left him with a wonderful appreciation of the oneness of humanity and a permanent aversion to foreign food.

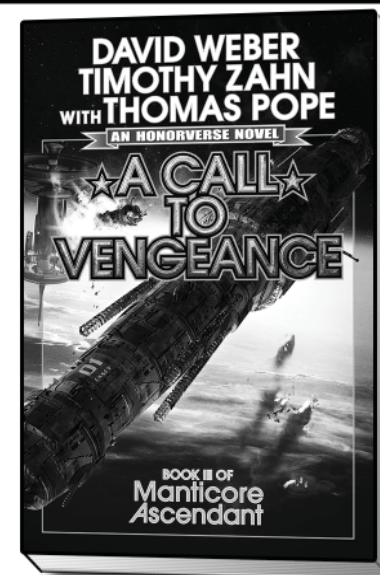
The author chose to study marine biology and really liked it. Unfortunately the pay is for beans. So he turned to database management where the pay was much better. His highest hopes were to someday upgrade to SQL Server at which point, he thought, his life would be complete. But then Fate took a hand: John became a professional science fiction writer and since his publisher assured him that all science fiction authors became immensely successful, he was given the standard "rich and famous" contract. Somewhat confused by the fine print, he nonetheless signed in blood.

Since that fateful day, he has published numerous science fiction novels at a rate that amazed and offended his publisher, who hadn't intended him to get that rich and famous. With over a million copies in print, he also has done stints as an op-ed writer for the New York Post and a guest commentator for Fox News, thus ensuring the loss of what little soul was left.



With his younger years spent in the Airborne, cave diving, rock-climbing, rappelling, hunting, spear-fishing and sailing, the author is now happy to let other people risk their necks. He prefers to read, and of course write, science fiction, hang out in cigar bars and look for new ways to pledge his remaining bits of soul. He's thinking... Hollywood ... They won't care if it's tarnished...

*John Ringo*



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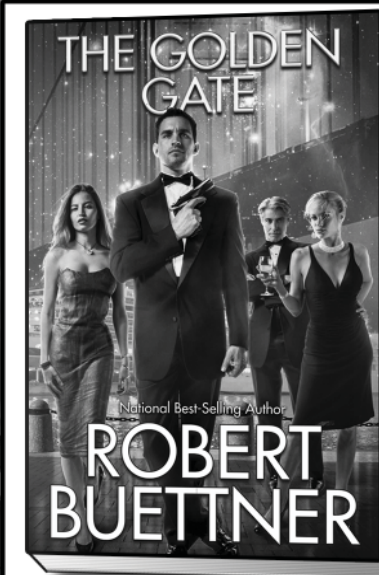
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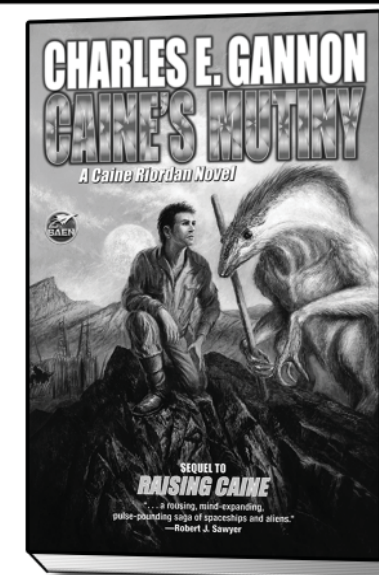
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# Artist Guest of Honor

## Dan dos Santos

I first met Dan hanging out in a friend's room at IlluXCon around 2009. I was passing my portfolio around to various artists to get critiques of my work, when Dan took his turn. At this point, my friend who had invited me to this room party leans over and says, "Do you know who that is?" I didn't. He continues, "Dude, that's Dan Dos Santos." If you, for some reason, don't know who Dan is, all I can say is go to a bookstore, walk through the Sci-Fi/Fantasy section and pick up a book, any book. The chance that you just grabbed a Dan Dos Santos cover is really high.

Dan's AMAZING at art. Don't take my word for it—he's been nominated for 5 Hugo's, won a Chesley, and won both Gold and Silver awards in Spectrum: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art. His illustrations have been on the covers of the New York Times bestseller list again and again. Dan's work speaks for itself, and his art sells books—in any business, that is a magic recipe for success.

If you're a fan, then you might already know all that stuff about Dan; but what you might not know is how much he gives back to the art community. At that critique I got from Dan way back in 2009, he encouraged me to go to The Illustration Master Class where Dan and other amazing artists teach illustration each summer. I went, and Dan taught me how to paint. The Illustration Master Class helped launch my career and the careers of so many more. Dan also runs one of the quintessential art blogs, Muddy Colors, where Dan has organized an amazing cast of artists who continue to comment, push, and teach the art

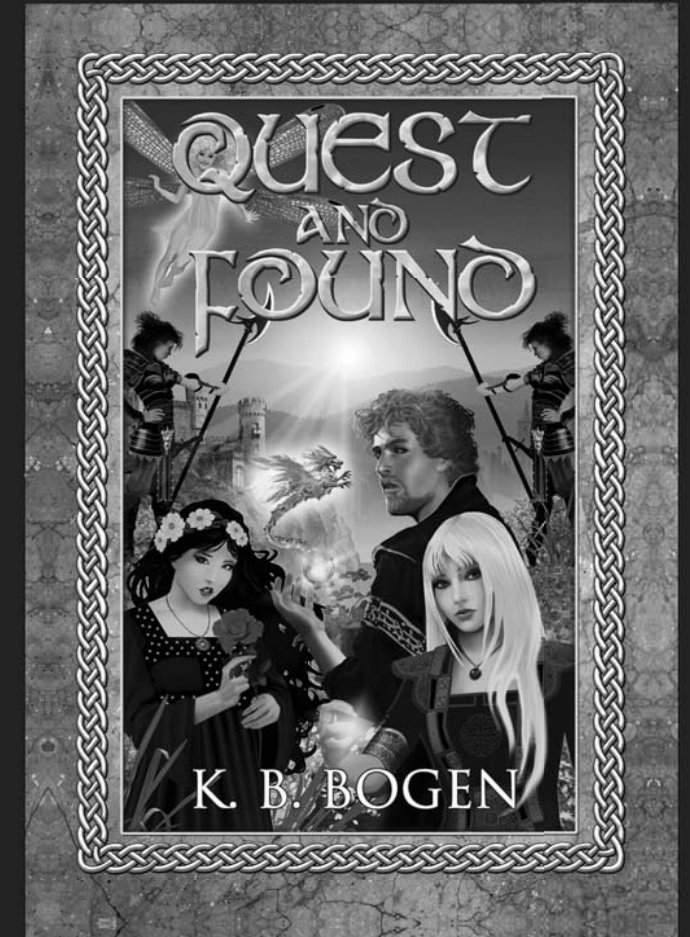
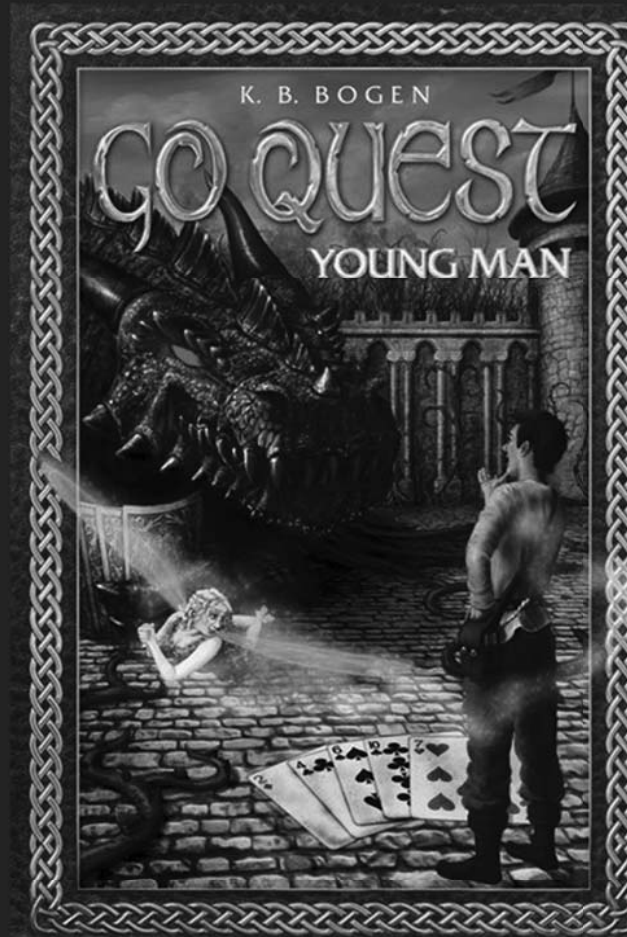


community to be better at their craft. With his busy schedule, he doesn't have to do any of this; but he continues to do so because he likes it. I've heard him say a few times that people helped him get his start, and now it's his turn; but in my opinion, he's given back way more than he took. That's good place to be.

Over the years, Dan's role in my life has changed: first as an unknown dude at a con, then teacher, mentor, and now friend. Dan's a family man with a wonderful wife and two precocious boys. He figured out the things in life he was passionate about at a young age, and he's devoted his life to those things. He is thoughtful, hard working, and fun at parties, but he doesn't like beer so make sure to bring him the fancy stuff.

*Sam Flegal*

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# Science Guest of Honor

## Dr. Elisa Quintana

Dr. Elisa Quintana is a scientist who searches for planets around other stars using space telescopes and builds computer models to study how these planets form. She is best known for leading a team of astronomers to confirm Kepler-186f, the first Earth-sized planet found to orbit another star in a region that could potentially host extraterrestrial life.

She is passionate about sharing her experiences as a Latina scientist and was named 2015 Scientist of the Year at the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards.

She grew up in Silver City, New Mexico. Her father, Leroy, is a Chicano poet and has written extensively about his upbringing and experiences in the Vietnam War. His poems are taught in Chicano literature classes across the country.

Elisa received a B.S. in Physics from the University of California, San Diego, with a minor in Theatre and Dance. Her interest in space sciences began while working at the California Space Institute at UCSD with former astronaut and physics professor Dr. Sally Ride on a project called KidSat (now EarthKam). The program consisted of a camera onboard the space shuttle that took photos of the Earth selected by school children, and Elisa's role was to coordinate the space shuttle orbits with the locations on Earth.

During her graduate school in Michigan, she received a NASA Graduate Student Researchers Program fellowship which allowed her to move to NASA Ames Research Center in California to perform her thesis research. She worked to create computer models to study planet formation and was a member of the team that developed the Kepler Mission.



After graduate school, Elisa worked as a software engineer and wrote the code that is used to calibrate the Kepler flight data. She received the 2010 NASA Software of the Year Award as part of the Kepler software team. After 5 years of software engineering, she decided that she wanted to return to pursuing her research career. In 2011 she was appointed as a scientist with the SETI Institute where she continued to discover new exoplanets using data from the Kepler spacecraft.

Elisa now lives in Silver Spring, Maryland and works as an Astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. She serves as Deputy Project Scientist for Communications on the upcoming Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope.

*Tom Barclay*



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Steve & Sue Francis (2001)

Gary Shelton (2009)

Darrell Osborn (2013)

Joining us again from past cons are:

Orson Scott Card (GoH 1986 & 2015)

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David Drake (GoH 2006)

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Mark Maxwell (AGoH 1984)

Stephanie Osborn (MC 2011–2013;  
Science Guest 2016)

Stanley Schmidt (GoH 1996)

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# Special Guest of Honor

## Todd McCaffrey

The second of three special editions produced by the legendary SF author, Anne McCaffrey, Todd Johnson McCaffrey was born in 1956 in New Jersey. Growing up as he did among strange creatures, such as dragons, Hrrubans and his mother's science fiction writer colleagues, it was perhaps inevitable that he, too, would one day become an author. He had early training in the discipline of literature, beginning to read science fiction as a child, then attending SF conventions with Anne, and living on macaroni and cheese for a painfully extended time while the family moved from inexpensive flat to inexpensive flat all over Dublin. (Todd once remarked to his mother that it would be nice if they could have mac and cheese sometime just because they wanted to, not because they had to.) Keen-eyed readers will have spotted Todd as a character in at least two places in Anne's books, Todd in Decision at Doona and Lord Jaxom in The White Dragon.

He will modestly tell you he flunked out of college, but he eventually earned two degrees, in mechanical engineering and political science. Todd went on to serve in the US Army in Stuttgart, Germany. Once liberated from wearing army green, Todd set out to conquer the lightest element on the periodic table, assuming his secret identity, Mr. Hydrogen. It was so secret, in fact, that his dreams of bringing humanity forward into the hydrogen age were pipped to the post by Toyota and Honda, when they developed their own fuel cells. Todd turned instead to the practical concept of making money, joining a computer startup as a programmer.

Todd went to work one summer as an intern for Mayfair Games, which was designing the *Dragonriders of Pern* role play game, and became part of the Mayfair extended family. Bill Fawcett, one of the partners, saw Todd's writing talent, and hired him to write *Slammers Down!* for his *Combat Command* choose-your-own-adventure book series (Ace, 1988), Todd's first professional publication and sortie into military science fiction. Since then, Todd has written several short stories for military SF anthologies and others, and a teleplay for the animated series *Dinosaucers*.

Dragons remained the chief family business. Todd wrote the chapter on training dragons for the *Dragonlover's Guide to Pern* (Del Rey, 1988). Later, he was conscripted by Anne's editor at Del Rey Books to keep his mother writing fiction by taking over her proposed autobiography, which was eventually published as *Dragonholder*. While he was taking notes for that, he and Anne discussed ideas for future novels they could write together. Todd didn't realize she had taken it seriously until months later, when Anne called him in the middle of the night, weeping over one of the plot points of the story they had discussed. She finished *Skies of Pern* by herself, but her last five Pern novels were collaborations with Todd. They fell into a natural rhythm, throwing ideas back and forth. The first chapter of *Dragon's Kin* needed four passes to get it right, but they were delighted with the results. Todd was proud and touched when Anne told him "I trust you implicitly." Over time, Todd took on more and more of the general writing and copy editing. He also wrote three solo novels set in the *Third Pass*, *Dragonsblood*, *Dragonheart*, and *Dragongirl*.

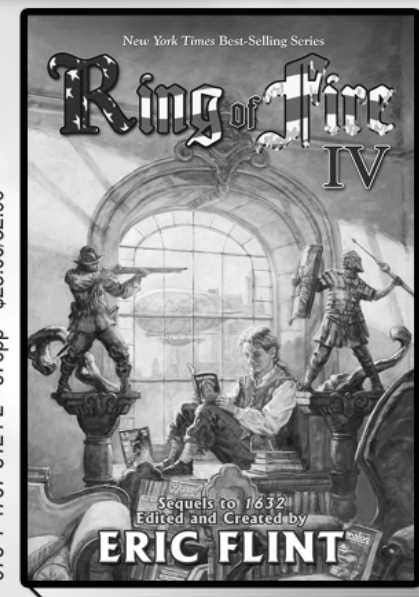


Todd is at least indirectly responsible for the Don Hodge charity anthology program run by the Superstars Writing Seminar. Kevin J. Anderson liked to use purple unicorns as an example of how a professional responds to a challenge set by an editor. Todd said if Kevin ever published a purple unicorn anthology, he wanted to be in it. The idea was set in motion, and in 2013, *One Horn to Rule Them All* was published, with Todd's stories "Rhubarb and Beets" and "Red Roses" bracketing the other stories in the book. To date, the program has earned enough to sponsor almost a dozen students to the seminar.

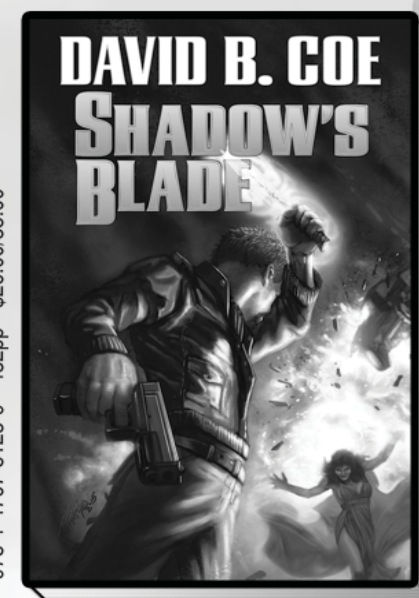
His newest book is *City of Angels* (WordFire Press), about nanotechnology, artificial intelligence and Los Angeles. It has received excellent reviews, including in *Galaxy's Edge Magazine*. Due out in early September is his next novel, *The Jupiter Game* (WordFire).

In between writing projects, Todd is working toward a MFA degree, having fun driving his professors crazy. He has one child, Declan Elliott McCaffrey, now 23 and also attending college in California. They have recently acquired a very cute dog. Ask to see pictures of his puppy and his art installations.

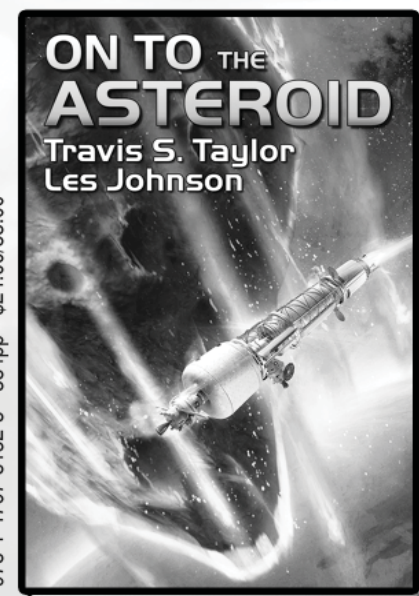
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## Race against the Forces of Evil

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As a weremyste, Justis Fearsson is on the front lines of a magical war. As a private investigator, he's been hired to find a missing woman and her two children. Soon worlds collide, and Justis must find not only the young family, but also an ancient weapon that could prove decisive in the looming conflict. But he'll have to do it quickly, or the reality he knows may be lost in a storm of darkest sorcery.

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## Destruction from Above

"You won't want to put it down"  
—John Ringo on Travis S. Taylor's *Warp Speed*

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# Master of Ceremonies

## Toni Weisskopf

Antonia Katherine Flora Weisskopf was born in Waltham, MS to an astrophysicist and a college librarian. These early influences set her on a path to her love of reading and science fiction and fantasy in particular. When she was 12, her father got a job at NASA in Huntsville, AL and the family moved to Rocket City USA. And the voyage into Southern Fandom began shortly afterward.

Toni's first convention was MidSouthCon '80. She had already joined the Southern Fandom Confederation and she had read about the convention, who's Guest of Honor was Fredrick Pohl. She had just finished reading his fannish memoirs, *The Way the Future Was*, telling tales of past conventions, some a bit on the indecent side. Luckily, her parents had not read the book and thus began a long tradition of convention attendance. At that same convention, Mike and Nelda Kennedy posted a sign-up sheet for those interested in starting a club in Huntsville. Toni, of course, signed up, thus becoming a charter member of the fledgling North Alabama Science Fiction Association. As if that wasn't enough, she also started the Science Fiction Society at Oberlin College.

Toni joined Baen Books as an editorial assistant, and worked her way up from there. She was Executive Editor for many years, and following the death of founder Jim Baen in 2006, became Publisher. During that time, Toni has created an innovative e-publishing program, worked with established authors, discovered a bevy of new authors, and created the Jim Baen Memorial Short Story Award, the Baen Fantasy Adventure Award, and the Baen Best Military SF & Adventure SF Reader's Choice Award.

Toni has also volunteered with many conventions throughout her fannish career. This includes her first WorldCon, ConFederation in Atlanta in 1986. She was most recently the Co-Chair and head of Programming for DeepSouthCon 50, held in Huntsville.

Since then, Toni has been a part of and done too many things to list (unless we print a bigger program book). Editing and authoring in the Southern Fandom Press Association, updating the Southern Fandom Confederation Handbook & History, compiling Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts (along with Josepha Sherman), editing anthologies and novels alike, finding, mentoring and playing cat herder to many of our favorite LibertyCon authors and artists... this talented lady has done it all!

Toni has won her share of awards. She was the first person to receive the triple crown of Southern Fandom. In 1994, she received both the Phoenix and the Rubble awards. She got the final jewel of the Rebel in 2000. She won the Hank Reinhardt Fandom award in 2009. She has been nominated twice for the Best Editing Hugo. In 2015, she won the Neffy award for Best Editor. Her latest is the Kate Wilhelm Solstice Award; given by SFWA for distinguished contributions to the science fiction and fantasy community.



In addition to all her work as a publisher/fan, Toni is also the mother of Katie, who turned 23 this year. Toni married the love of her life, legendary Southern Fan Hank Reinhardt, who passed away in 2007.

Be sure to look for Toni on some panels this weekend and do your best to make it to her Baen Books Travelling Slide Show. This is always a popular event where she shows off cover art of upcoming Baen titles, so we can find out what is in the pipeline. She usually has prizes available, which she distributes to the congregated fen. (If you are active or former military, you have a better chance than most of getting a free book. Baen is the leading producer of Military SF after all.)

And in addition to all of the craziness above, she and Regina are the unofficial official LibertyCon advisors to the Chair... or that could just be another part of her cat herding duties.

And don't be fooled into a game of Hearts or Scrabble with her. She will play you like a piano.

*Regina Kirby & Brandy Spraker*

*(with large contributions from Julie Wall)*

# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guest

## Faith Hunter

Faith Hunter is a New York Times and USAToday bestselling author. She writes dark urban fantasy and paranormal urban thrillers but claims she is a real person, too.

Her long-running, bestselling, *Skinwalker* series features Jane Yellowrock, a hunter of rogue-vampires. Her *Rogue Mage* novels, a dark, urban fantasy series, features Thorn St. Croix, a stone mage in a post-apocalyptic, alternate reality. *The Soulwood* series features Nell Nicholson Ingram in paranormal crime solving novels. Two of her fantasy series have been nominated for Audie Awards.

Under the pen name Gwen Hunter, she has written action adventure, mysteries, thrillers, women's fiction, a medical thriller series, and even historical religious fiction. As Gwen, she is a winner of the WH Smith Literary Award for Fresh Talent in 1995 in the UK, and won a Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award in 2008. Under all her pen names, she has over 30 books in print in 29 countries.

In real life, Faith once broke a stove by refusing to turn it on for so long that its parts froze and the unused stove had to be replaced. Her recent hankering for homemade bread and soup resulted in fresh loaves each week and she claims that the newish stove feels loved and well used—because Faith talks to her appliances as well as to her plants and dogs. She collects orchids and animal skulls, loves to sit on the back porch in lightning storms, and is a workaholic with a passion for jewelry making, white-water kayaking, and travel. She likes the shooting range, prefers Class III whitewater rivers with no gorge to climb out of, edits the occasional



anthology, and drinks a lot of tea. Some days she's a lady. Some days she ain't. Occasionally, she remembers to sleep. The jewelry she makes and wears is often given as promo items to fans who come to her signings, and is used as prizes in contests. She and her husband love to RV, traveling with their rescued dogs to whitewater rivers all over the Southeast.

Faith is a founding member of MagicalWords, a writing forum at [www.magicalwords.net](http://www.magicalwords.net) geared to helping writers of fantasy and other genres.

For more, including a list of her books, see [www.faithhunter.net](http://www.faithhunter.net), [www.gwenhunter.com](http://www.gwenhunter.com) and [www.magicalwords.net](http://www.magicalwords.net). To keep up with her, like her fan page at Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/official.faith.hunter>

*Faith Hunter*



# For your additional hobnobbing pleasure So... Many... PROS!!!

Here are some of the many pros  
scheduled to attend LibertyCon 30 as of printing.  
Though, this list is subject to change without notice.



**Jarrold Alberich Jarrod** "The Yard Sale Artist" Alberich is currently the Art Director for White Rocket Books, specializing in cover art & inking. Calls himself the "Yard Sale Artist" because EVERYTHING (surfaces, paints, brushes, etc.) he uses for his art is all acquired via yard sale/dumpster dive. Jarrod is a military combat veteran.

**Michael J. Allen** A bestselling author of science fiction and fantasy novels, Michael J. Allen is best known for his SCION YA space opera series and his Bittergate contemporary fantasies. A former submarine reactor operator, cooking enthusiast, and Starfleet International officer, he's enjoying teenager free days experimenting with diabetic recipes and expanding his published works.

**Lou Antonelli** Lou Antonelli has had 106 short stories and four collections published in the past 13 years. He was a finalist in 2013 for the Sidewise Award in Alternate History for "Great White Ship" (Daily Science Fiction – May 2012). He was a two-time Hugo nominee (Short Story and Best Related Work) in 2015.

**Atlanta Radio Theater Company** ARTC is a professional troupe that brings "new old-time radio", complete with lush soundscapes, stirring music, and original stories guaranteed to remind you that...There is Adventure in Sound!

**Charity Ayres Charity** Ayres is a Navy Veteran who has published various works and has four novels Loki Bound, Loki Hell Bound, Secret in the Wings and Ice Burns. Charity was featured in the Writer's Digest 83rd Annual Short Story publication for her inspirational story "What's Left Behind Daddy's Girl".

**Jonathan David Baird** Happily married and living in Lenoir North Carolina Jonathan Baird is retired from Archaeology in 2011 after 15 years doing field work. He has Masters degrees in American History (with a focus on the colonial frontier) and English Literature (with a focus on Gothic horror).

**Glenn Baggott** Glenn has been a Grade IV water operator for 7 years with West Wilson Utility District. He also is head of the Decontamination Team and is in

charge of maintaining the self-containment breathing apparatus (SCBA) the X-File type suits as well as the breathing gear.

**Scott W. Baker** Scott W. Baker's students think it's weird that he teaches math and writes. To him, it's a natural fit. His short stories span the speculative genres and have appeared in places like Escape Pod, Daily Science Fiction, and Writers of the Future. He lives in Murfreesboro, TN and online at scottwbaker.net.

**Griffin Barber** A veteran police officer, Griffin Barber is also a lifelong Speculative Fiction fan and avid gamer. He's had several shorts published in the Grantville Gazette and co-authored 1636 Mission to the Mughals, with Eric Flint. He also penned a well-received novella for RSI's website called A Separate Law. <http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com>

**Tom Barclay** Dr. Thomas Barclay is an Astrophysicist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center where he is Deputy Director of the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) Mission's Guest Investigator program. He has participated in the discovery of over 800 exoplanets and is known for his discovery of Kepler-37b, a planet about the size of the Moon that is the smallest planet known outside of our Solar System.

**Jim Beall** Jim Beall (BS-Math, MBA, PE) has been a nuclear engineer for 40+ years, a wargamer for 50+, and an avid reader of science fiction for even longer. Experience operations (nuclear officer USN), design (Duke Power), construction (United Engineers & Constructors), inspection (USNRC), and energy policy (USNRC Commissioner Reactors Assistant).

**Rod S. Belcher** R.S. Belcher is a former private investigator, journalist, and the author of the Golgotha series, (The Six-Gun Tarot, The Shotgun Arcana and The Queen of Swords) the Nightwise Series, and the Brotherhood of the Wheel series—published by Tor Books. He lives in Roanoke Virginia with his children, Jonathan and Emily.

**Michael Bielaczyc** Michael Bielaczyc has been making art his whole life. In fact, he doesn't spend much time not creating new things. He is a founder and lead make up FX artist at Aradani Studios, creating masks and appliances for people all across the world. He is also a painter, designer and writer. See his work at [michaelbielaczyc.com](http://michaelbielaczyc.com)

**Paul Bielaczyc** Chesley Award winning artist Paul Bielaczyc co-owns Aradani Studios with his brother Mike, a costuming and art company founded in 2002. Based in Nashville, they travel mostly in the Southeast United States, to various conventions and Renaissance Festivals, selling (in their words) "our art, and our ears".

**Rick Boatright** Rick Boatright has been the "tech guy" for the 1632 series since 2001. He's published in the hardcover Grantville Gazettes as well as the E-Zine. Rick's common activities at cons feature his "Weird Tech" presentation, which he insists has nothing to do with steampunk. Outside of the SF universe, Rick is a partner in a small software development firm.

**David Bogen** David Bogen has been active in many aspects of fandom from ConCom for many Texas conventions to managing art shows with Pegasus Management across the country. But he is better known in his professional community as a leader in implementing future looking analytics and processes that are transforming the electric industry.

**Karen Bogen** K.B. Bogen has a head for technology, a knack for humor, and a taste for the macabre. A native

Texan, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Engineering from UT Arlington. Her written works include "Go Quest, Young Man" from TSR Books, and "Good Help" from Dracula in London. Her Facebook address is [www.facebook.com/KBBogen](http://www.facebook.com/KBBogen).

**Richard T. Bolgeo** "Uncle Timmy" Bolgeo is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of LibertyCon. A retired Electrical Engineer from TVA, he is a Rebel Award Winner, Pundit and Editor-in-Chief of the weekly Ezine "The Revenge of Hump Day!" He was Fan GOH at MidSouthCon 32.

**David Boop** Denver-based spec-fiction author David Boop re-released his debut novel She Murdered Me with Science in 2017 through WFP. David's extensive short fiction includes media tie-ins for Predator, Green Hornet, and Veronica Mars. He recently edited Straight Outta Tombstone for Baen. He's a single dad, part-time temp worker and believer. You can find out more at [www.facebook.com/dboop.updates](http://www.facebook.com/dboop.updates) or on Twitter @david\_boop.

**Susan Brady** Susan Brady has been running Make It, Take It since LibertyCon 4. She is into a little bit of everything, and loves making pretty things and playing with feathers and glitter and turning them into incredible, ready to wear costumes. A true Liberty stalwart and creator of a Liberty tradition, please come enjoy the workshop, or better yet, bring your children and have them build a costume for the kids masquerade.





**Scott Bragg** Scott Bragg, is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. His head in the clouds, earning his keep building clouds for IT companies. An amateur photographer, he prefers shooting people who generally don't shoot back. He is kept sane and well-grounded by his wife, the always-awesome Wendi Bragg.

**Nick Braker** Nick Braker graduated with a BS in computing science from the University of Evansville before launching a career in computer programming, engineering, and management. Married and a father of two, Braker is also an avid table tennis player and role playing gamer.

**Brett Brooks** Brett has written comics for both Dark Horse and Techno Comics, as well as working on White Wolf's World of Darkness RPG. He also published the cult-favorite RPG Xcrawl and the kid-friendly RPG Meddling Kids. His most recent ventures include the fantasy novel series The Champions of Elan.

**Eric S. Brown** Eric S Brown is the author of around 70 novels/novellas including the Bigfoot War series and the Kaiju Apocalypse series (with Jason Cordova) among others.

**Robert Buettner** National best-selling author Robert Buettner's Orphanage, Quill Award nominee as 2004's best SF/Fantasy/Horror novel, is considered a modern military science fiction classic. Baen released Robert's ninth novel, The Golden Gate, in January, 2017. A former intelligence officer, paleontologist, and attorney, he lives in Georgia with his family and more bicycles than grownups need.

**David L. Burkhead** Indianapolis writer David L. Burkhead is a physicist working in Atomic Force Microscopy. In addition, he is an author of science fiction and fantasy with books such as Survival Test, The Hordes of Chanakra, and Big Blue currently available. Current projects include a sequel to The Hordes of Chanakra.

**Daniel Allen Butler** Daniel Allen Butler is a maritime and military historian, best-selling non-fiction author, and semi-professional beach bum. When not writing, he's a woodworker, gearhead, and model builder, noted for his love of single-malt whisky and Honduran cigars. The Blade Files novels (Cogito Orbis Press) are his first forays into fiction; he has eleven published non-fiction titles to his credit.

**Dave (D.J.) Butler** has mostly recovered from being a lawyer. He writes fantasy for adults (WITCHY EYE, Baen) and kids (THE KIDNAP PLOT, Knopf), loves languages and board games, and plays bad guitar. He's married and has three kids. Dave is also acquisitions editor for Kevin J. Anderson's WordFire Press.

**Paul Cagle** Paul Cagle is the host of the Ænigma Project radio show and the administrative coordinator for the South Eastern Paranormal Society located in Chattanooga, TN. His first novel, Shadow Born, is now available on Amazon. You can find out more about Shadow Born at [www.shadow-borne.com](http://www.shadow-borne.com).

**Anna Grace Carpenter** With over a dozen published short stories, A.G. Carpenter's work has appeared in Daily Science Fiction, Abyss & Apex, Nature Magazine - Futures, and others. "The Weather's Always Fine in Paradise", and her novellas "Of Lips and Tongue" and "Of Shade and Soul" are available now. The final book "Of Flesh and Bone" (from Falstaff Books), is forth coming as is a collection of short stories co-written with Eric S. Brown from Ring of Fire Press.

**Julie Cochrane** Julie Cochrane has been writing stories since age five. She has three novels co-authored with John Ringo in his Legacy of the Aldenata series, by Baen Books, and a story in Rogues in Hell, by Perseid. Her background includes psychology, chemistry, IT, and martial arts.

**David B. Coe** David B. Coe/D.B. Jackson David B. Coe/D.B. Jackson is the award-winning author of nineteen fantasy novels. As David B. Coe he writes the Case Files of Justis Fearsson, a contemporary urban fantasy. As D.B. Jackson he writes the Thieftaker Chronicles, a blend of urban fantasy, mystery, and historical fiction.

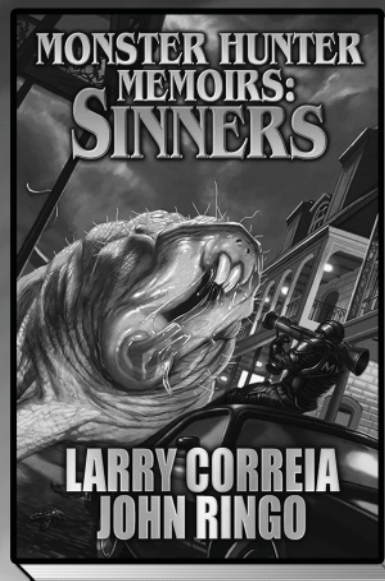
**Brian Cooksey** Brian Cooksey is the chairman of Hypericon in Nashville, TN and he is one of the hosts of the Play On Target podcast. He also works as a tabletop RPG editor and system consultant. His latest project is for the Sagaborn system.

**Jason Cordova** Author Jason Cordova's first solo novel, Corruptor, was published in November of 2010 by Twilight Times Books. A former teacher and military veteran, he has circled the globe at least once. He currently resides in Virginia and is the "International Ambassador of the Kaiju Awareness Foundation". His web site can be found at <http://www.jasoncordova.com>

**Doug Dandridge** Doug Dandridge has over twenty books online, including the Amazon Best Selling series Exodus Empires at War. He lives in Tallahassee, Florida, the hottest place on Earth, and is constantly writing. Doug is a US Army and Guard veteran (Infantry) and is a military history buff in his spare time.

**Ben Davis** Dr. Ben Davis holds a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics and an M.S. in Nuclear Astrophysics from the University of Notre Dame. He is a former college professor of mathematics, programming, astronomy and physics. He has a successful career in software development and engineering. His interests include history, futurism and skepticism.

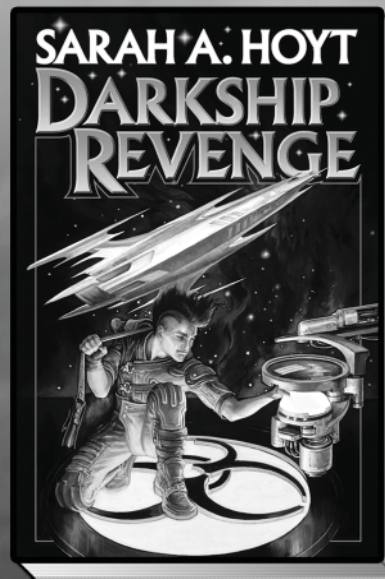
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**Jonathan Del Arroz** Jon Del Arroz is a Space Opera and Steampunk author, best known for his work on Star Realms Rescue Run, the hit novelization of the popular deckbuilding game. He hails from the San Francisco Bay Area and holds a reputation for being the Dean Martin of science fiction conventions.

**David Drake** Dave Drake was drafted out of Duke Law School and became an interrogator in Vietnam and Cambodia. He returned to finish school and to practice for eight years while he wrote fiction to control his anger. Since 1981 he has been a full-time writer. He has stayed out of jail.

**Nancy Edwards** Nancy Edwards is an artist and a lifelong fan as she has been involved for over 30 years. Bob Tucker mentored her at one of the first St. Louis Archon's. She has run several adult relaxicons and was the Fan GOH for TuckerCon, the NASFIC in 2007. She has many stories she can share of her time in fandom.

**Karen Evans** Karen Evans has been writing SF/F with her husband for almost 10 years, and enjoying the roller-coaster. When not writing, she enjoys crocheting, embroidery, and other busy-hand activities so she can listen to the voices in her head. She lives in New Mexico with her husband, a dog and a variable number of cats.

**Kevin Evans** Kevin H Evans has been writing since 2006; other interests include vintage locomotive restorations, hot air ballooning, SCA combat, gunsmithing, tool and die making.

**Robert S. Evans** Robert S. Evans is a film writer and director. He attended the New York Film Academy and has learned under industry veteran Jeff Burr. He has won several awards including Best Original Story and Best Director at several film fests. His latest project tackles the struggle of depression and suicide.

**Kacey Ezell** Captain Kacey Ezell is an active duty USAF instructor pilot with 2000+ hours in the UH-1N Huey and 122 combat hours flying the Mi-171 in Iraq. When not teaching young pilots to beat the air into submission, she writes sci-fi/fantasy/horror fiction. She is married with two daughters.

**Declan Finn** Declan Finn is the author of books ranging from thrillers to urban fantasy to SciFi, including the 2016 Dragon Award Nominated Novel for Best horror, Honor at Stake. He hosts the Catholic Geek Radio show, and can be found wherever someone is starting trouble. He also writes thrillers, video game reviews, and works for six blogs.

**Sam Flegal** Sam Flegal has been a freelance Illustrator since 2009. Working for book covers, hobby games, movie concept art, the History Channel, and private collectors, Sam loves to focus on exaggerated expressions and vibrant colors. Sam's preferred

medium is oil paint. Sam also has a deep love for Norse Mythology.

**Colonel Fritz Fotovich** Fritz, a non-starving artist masquerading as a logistics engineer, occasionally wears tutus, loves his wife Stacy Morgan, and helps people. **Let Colonel Fritz help YOU: He is giving away a single LC31 Membership to the 69th person to fulfill the requirements to a challenge and leave an "I GOT ONE!" message at the following Facebook Page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/FritzProsperoChallenge>

**Mark Fults** Been busy finishing 'The Veiled Unknown' tarot and two graphic novels, one of which will be displayed at Liberty. Last year the Iron Artist panel inspired me to do a character based on Lady Liberty with a Wonder Woman twist - now she's got chops! My next book 'Chattanooga Chills Scream Louder' is in production and I'll be sharing stories!

**Karl Gallagher** Karl K. Gallagher is an engineer at a major aerospace company. Previously he calculated trajectories for a commercial launch rocket start-up and designed and operated weather satellites. Karl lives in Saginaw, TX with his family. His books Torchship and Torchship Pilot are available on Amazon and Audible.

**Charles E. Gannon** Dr. Charles E. Gannon's award-winning Caine Riordan/Terran Republic hard sf novels have, to date, all been Nebula finalists and national best-sellers. The fourth in the series, Caine's Mutiny, came out in February 2017. His epic fantasy series, The Broken World, is forthcoming from Baen Books. His background includes game design/writing, scriptwriting / producing, five years as a Fulbright Senior Specialist, and being a subject matter expert for NPR, Discovery Channel, and many government agencies.

**Michael Gants** There is no truth to the rumor that Michael Gants personally killed Osama Bin Laden with a spork, nor that he is a space alien. There is some truth to the rumor he once commandeered a nuclear attack sub to begin his life-long goal of becoming Captain Nemo.

**Melissa Gay** Melissa Gay's background is like the world of Thundarr the Barbarian-- full of super-science and sorcery. Formerly an illustrator for both scientific and New Age publishers, role-playing games are her true love. Games featuring her art include The Dresden Files RPG, Firefly, Trail of Cthulhu, Elves of Uteria, and more. Amie Gibbons Amie was born and raised in Utah, flew south for school and stayed. She lawyers, writes, dances, sings, and cat-wrangles, and does some better than others. She lives with a picture snapping cat trapped in a man's body, and a man trapped in a cat's body, who misses opposable thumbs.

**Patricia Gilliam** Patricia Gilliam is the author of The Hannaria Series and a contributor to The Immortality Chronicles (Future Chronicles Series; Windrift Books).





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She and her husband Cory live in Knoxville, TN.

**Peter Grant** Peter Grant was born and raised in South Africa, serving in the military and working in the IT industry and humanitarian concerns before being ordained as a pastor. He immigrated to the USA in 1997, later marrying a pilot from Alaska. They live in Tennessee, where he writes full-time.

**Dorothy Grant** Dorothy Grant was born to a military family, went to Alaska on a whim and learned to fly before she could drive. She ran into a former South African, and agreed with him that the merger of Northern cold and Southern heat would result in a match made in heaven. She and Peter married in 2010 and settled in Nashville, Tennessee. She is an active partner with her husband in independent publishing.

**Richard Groller** Richard Groller writes fiction and non-fiction. He is co-author of *The Warrior's Edge*, contributing author to *The American Warrior*, and editor of the illustrated book of macabre poetry, *The Book of Night*. He has been published in 6 volumes of the *Heroes in Hell* series; 3 volumes of *Sha'Daa Tales of the Apocalypse* series, and the horror anthologies *What Scares the Boogeyman?* *Terror by Gaslight* and *Dark Corners*.

**Dr. Robert Hampson** Dr. Robert E. Hampson, writes SF as well as the science behind hard-science fiction. He has advised more than a dozen SF/F writers, game developers and TV writers, and is considered by many to be the most likely scientist to create a *Zombie Apocalypse*!

**Valerie Hampton** Dr. Valerie Hampton is a history professor and author, who founded the American Society for Neo-Medievalism, speaking often at academic conferences on the intersection between popular fantasy and medieval history. She has a Film degree and is an associate producer for the Margaret Weis film, *Star of the Guardians*.

**Michael H. Hanson** Michael has been an Editor at The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for 20+ years. He penned the poetry books *AUTUMN BLUSH*, *JUBILANT WHISPERS*, & *DARK PARCHEMENTS*, has short stories in Janet Morris's *HEROES IN HELL* series, and is Creator/Co-author of the *SHA'DAA* shared-world anthology series.

**John Hartness** John G. Hartness is a teller of tales, a righter of wrong, defender of ladies' virtues, and some people call him Maurice, for he speaks of the pompatus of love. He is also the award-winning author of the urban fantasy series *The Black Knight Chronicles* (Bell Bridge Books), the *Bubba the Monster Hunter* comedic horror series, the *Quincy Harker*, *Demon Hunter* dark fantasy series, and many other projects.

**Ross Hathaway** Ross Hathaway is a propulsion engineer who works at NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center in California. He has been involved in the aerospace industry for over 40 years and has dealt with aero vehicles from man-powered, electric, turbomachinery, ram and scramjets, and rockets.

**Jonna Hayden** Jonna Hayden is a professional Costume Designer, clothing historian, and long-time SF geek. After many years of hiding in the Science Fiction section of the school library, she found her tribe when she attended Orycon 5. She builds shows for the Opera, Ballet, and anyone else who will pay her.

**Louise Herring-Jones** Louise Herring-Jones (Amy L. Herring) writes mainstream, historical, and speculative fiction as well as non-fiction. Her science fiction, dark fantasy, and light horror stories have been published in anthologies, including "Michaelis and the Dew Shades" in *Fae Tales of the Mediterranean* (Futurefire.net Publishing, 2016), "Tender" in *Life on the Rez* (Tree-Lion Press, 2016) and, coming soon, "Shootout at Paint Rock" (in a Pro Se Press anthology) and "High Ground" with illustrations by Melissa Gay (Thunderchild Publishing).

**Jeremy Hicks** Jeremy Hicks is an archaeologist, author, and co-creator of the *Cycle of Ages* Saga. The first two installments *Finders Keepers* and *Sands of Sorrow*, are available in print and e-book versions. The third novel is scheduled for release in 2017. Jeremy is co-owner of *Broke Guys Productions* and writes screenplays and short stories too.

**Robby Hilliard** Robby Hilliard, a native of Chattanooga TN who now resides in Marietta GA, writes horror, science-fiction, and fantasy. His first published short story, "Cold Case", can be found in the *Sha'Daa Shared-World*, *Dark-Fantasy Universe* published by Copper Dog Publishing.

**Taylor S Hoch** Taylor S Hoch a 21st Century Bard. Published singer/songwriter/musician and author of *The Curse of the Dullahan* YA fantasy series, she is also a professional storyteller, performer, poet, game master, movie score composer, and licensed/ordained minister. Book 4 in her YA fantasy series will be released at *LibertyCon 30*.

**Dan Hollifield** I run *Aphelion Webzine*, online since 1997, as a writer's workshop freezine. I've made a few pro sales of my writing so far, the biggest being an upcoming collection of my spaceport bar short stories from *Dark Oak Press*. I have 3 music albums out, and am an Atlanta-area steampunk.

**John Holmes** I am a 22-year veteran of the US Army and the NY Army National Guard, and served in Iraq in 2005. It all started when watching "The Walking Dead" with a friend and she grew irritated at my constant "That's not right!" or "That's impossible!" She challenged me to write something better, and almost a dozen books later, here I am. My books range from *Military Science Fiction* to *Space Opera* to *Fantasy*, and some comedy thrown in.

**H.P. Holo** H.P. Holo told her parents she was bored. They told her to read the dictionary. Thousands of words later, novels happened. H.P. has also been a teacher and library assistant and mostly spends her time gaming, gardening, and thinking about cats, lunch, and how to convince her husband she needs more pets.

**Rob Howell** A reformed medieval academic who uses that experience in his writing, Rob has also been an IT professional and a soda jerk. As a child, his parents discovered books were the only way to keep him quiet. Without books, either he or his parents would not have survived. Possibly both.

**Daniel M. Hoyt** Daniel M. Hoyt is a systems architect for rocket trajectory software, when not writing or wrangling royalty calculations. Dan has appeared in many magazines and anthologies, notably *Witch Way to the Mall*, *Strip Mauled*, and *Fangs for the Mammaries* (Baen); Mike Brotherton's *Diamonds in the Sky*; and has edited *Fate Fantastic* and *Better Off Undead* for DAW. His debut space opera, *Ninth Euclid's Prince*, launched in 2015; sequels are underway.

**Sarah A. Hoyt** Sarah A. Hoyt was born (and raised) in Portugal and now lives in Colorado with her husband, two sons, and a variable number of cats, depending on how many show up to beg on the door step. She is the author of more than 30 published novels science fiction, fantasy, mystery, historical mystery, historical fantasy and historical biography. Her space-opera novel *Darkship Thieves* was the 2011 *Prometheus Award* Winner.

**Daniel Humphreys** Daniel Humphreys is the author of the "Paxton Locke" urban fantasy series and the "Z-Day" series of post-apocalyptic thrillers. He lives in southern Indiana with his family.

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**Bryan Jones** Bryan Jones is a chainmail smith and digital artist who proudly hails from Huntsville, Alabama, the "Rocket City." He grew up in a computer-literate home long before computers were cool and enjoys transferring his imagination into digital space vistas. On the other end of the space-time continuum, Bryan is a fan of *Renaissance Faires* and medieval combat, translating that interest into chainmail creations that will delight any fair lady and her knight in shining armor.

**Paula S. Jordan** Paula S. Jordan, former NASA and NOAA orbit analyst, has authored three *Analog* stories, including *Vooorh*, a novelette, *Jul/Aug 2014*. In her novel-in-progress, a resourceful small-town group of friends joins forces with a centuries-old alien-watch group to defend friendly aliens and humans from a deadly anti-human faction of the aliens.

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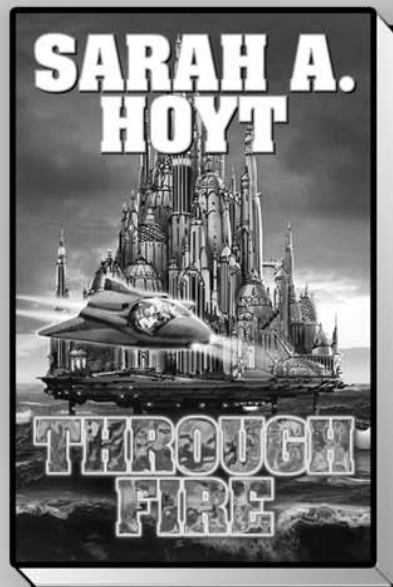
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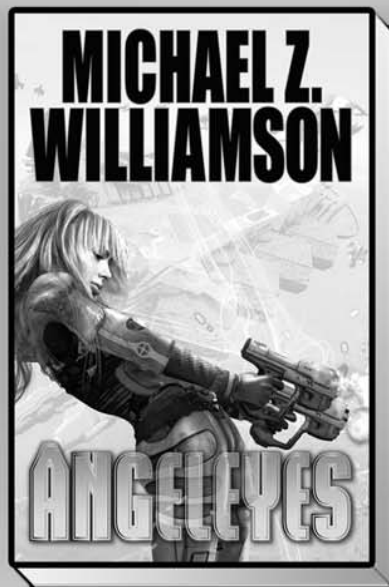
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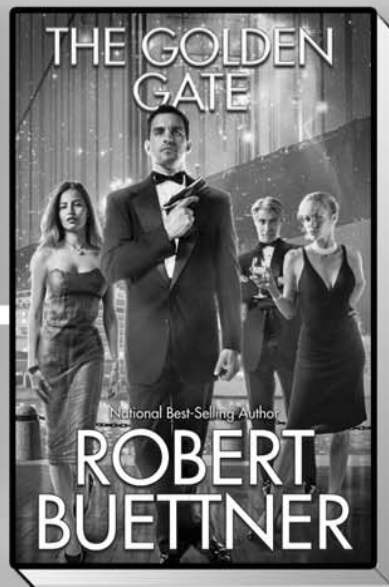
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**Laura Montgomery** Laura Montgomery practices space law in Washington, D.C., and has worked on space tourism and launch safety regulations, which, honestly, are not science fiction. She writes science fiction with a legal twist, and space opera. Her books include *Sleeping Duty*, a space opera, *Manx Prize*, a hard science fiction novel about orbital debris, and *The Sky Suspended*, a novel of lawyers, crowds, and a starship.

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**Mark Paulk** Mark Paulk is a faculty member at the University of Texas at Dallas. Before UTD, he was with Carnegie Mellon University for nearly 25 years, researching and teaching best practices for software engineering and service management. He is best known for his work on the Capability Maturity Model for Software at the Software Engineering Institute.

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**Van Allen Plexico** is a multi-award winning and best-selling author of fifteen novels and many more non-fiction books, short stories and audiobooks from a variety of publishers. He won the 2015 Pulp Factory Awards in both Novel and Anthology categories, and is best known for his SHATTERING Space Opera series.

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**Martin Powell** Martin Powell has written hundreds of stories in numerous genres for Disney, Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, and Capstone Books, among others. Nominated for the prestigious Eisner Award for his work

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**Henry Vogel** For the past ten years, Henry Vogel has also taken up the mantle of professional storyteller, performs regularly throughout the state of North Carolina, and has recently released his first book of children's stories. Henry has been a fan of science fiction for as long as he can remember. He has loved space opera and planetary romance since the beginning, that is why his science fiction novels end up in those subgenres.

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**James Ward** James Ward is an excellent Chattanooga based artist who is well known not for putting paint on canvas, but more for putting paint on anything else that's not bolted down. You can find his artwork on everything from



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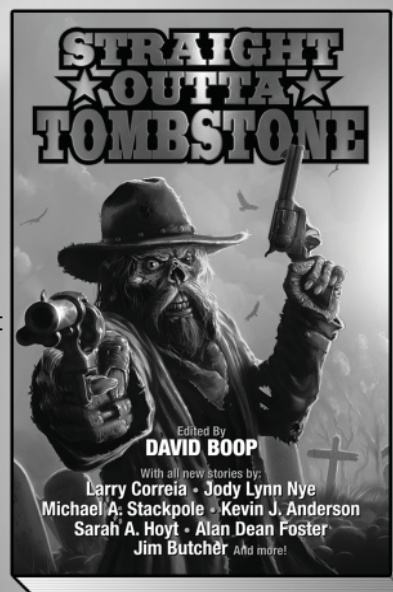
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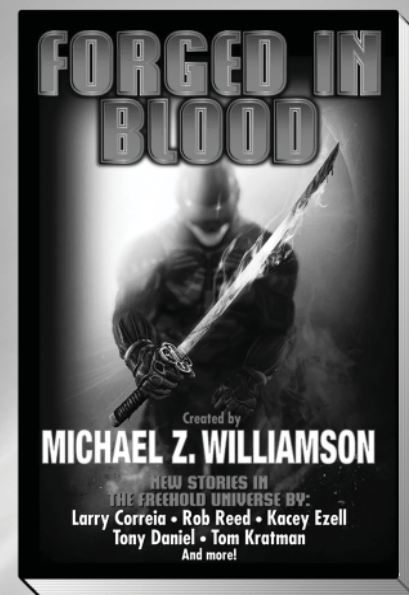


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#1 Question we expect to hear

# WHERE IS THE SCHEDULE?!?



## Three Answers

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A condensed pocket program schedule is available at the LC Registration Desk

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# LIBERTYCON XXX DEDICATION

## LIBERTYCON 30 IS DEDICATED TO TWO OF OUR BEST WHO I WILL SEE AGAIN, KLON NEWELL AND KERRY GILLEY

By Tim Bolgeo

In 1986, when there be fan wars in the Big Nooga, a group of hardy fans decided to start a new Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention. The new convention would be based on old fashioned ideas that we all enjoyed in southern conventions: camaraderie, good times, a limited size event, and bheer in the bathtubs. Eight stalwart fannish friends came together and started organizing what would become LibertyCon in September of 1986 just after the 1986 World Science Fiction Convention in Atlanta, Confederation.

Klon Newell served on the Board of Directors of LibertyCon (LC) as the first Director of Programming from LC1, July 10- 12, 1987 to LC8, July 8- 10, 1994. He served with distinction and professionalism. After Klon retired from the board, he took over the position of head huckster for a few more years. Until age and illness overcame him, Klon was always one of our primary ambassadors for LibertyCon for fandom all over the country. All of us used to kid Klon about looking like Santa Claus with his white hair and beard. But that mild exterior hid a sharp mind and a devilish wit.

Kerry Gilley was a huckster who started off with us at LibertyCon and helped mold the organization on what we became. Kerry joined the Board of Directors of LibertyCon as the Director of Programming from LC12, May 22- 24, 1994 to LC23, July 9- 11, 2010. Like Klon, Kerry was an excellent head of programming and served the Board well. Kerry had a strange sense of humor at times that some people had problem understanding. I used to pick on him and told him that his humor was tacky. Kerry just laughed. He was harmless. More importantly, he was a fierce friend to those who even tired to meet him halfway. People used to underestimate Kerry because his speech impediment. But Kerry had a sharp mind and could really sting you with a quip if he wanted to.



*Klon Newell*

Both Klon and Kerry were close friends of mine. Well actually, they were closer to brothers who I miss more than any of you will ever know. They were also honorary uncles to my children and both used Casa Bolgeo, as their Chattanooga Home. I know that I will see them again sometime in the future.

It is my great honor to announce that the Board of Directors of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention of Chattanooga have voted to honor these two elder members of our organization by dedicating LibertyCon 30 to their memory.

Ad Astra My Friends!



*Kerry Gilley*